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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT INCREASES

Employment in Oklahoma showed significant improvement during the January-March 1990 reporting period, when compared to the corresponding period a year ago. Total employment averaged 1,417,800 for the most recent 3-month period, with 94,500 unemployed. This gave the State an average jobless rate for the period of 6.2 percent, unchanged from the previous 3-month period of December-February 1990, but considerably below the January-March 1989 average of 6.6 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

Oklahoma businesses added 9,200 workers in March, boosting the number of wage and salary jobs in the state to 1,165,800. The overall increase was largely seasonal. Nevertheless, it raised nonfarm employment to the fifth highest point in Oklahoma history. In fact, the March employment total was exceeded only by figures for the same month posted during and immediately after Oklahoma's oil boom years of the early 1980's.

Six of the eight major industry divisions contributed to the increase in employment over the month.

Services showed the largest increase, 3,900, while wholesale-retail trade followed with the next highest increase, 2,900 jobs. Manufacturing added 1,700 jobs to state payrolls. Other gains were in government, up 600, construction, with 500 additions and finance-insurance-real estate with a nominal increase of 100 jobs.

Conversely, mining lost 400 and the number of transportation-public utilities workers decreased by 100.

Compared to March 1989, this March's job total was 14,500 higher. Services also led the over the year wage and salary job growth with 7,700 jobs. Wholesale-retail employment gained 4,800, followed by 3,800 additional workers in manufacturing. Annual gains were also posted by government, up 2,900, construction, 1,800, transportation-public utilities, 1,100 and mining up by 900 jobs.

The only division showing a decline in workers over the year was finance-insurance-real estate, where a loss of 2,700 jobs occurred.

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DROP

County and area unemployment rates, which had been computed based on a 3-month moving average for several months, are now calculated using a 12-month moving average. This latest change was initiated last month in order to eliminate wide swings for monthly rates where limited information often distorts the trend.

The latest report for the 12-month period ending in March 1990 indicated that 71 Oklahoma Counties had lower unemployment. Five counties had higher jobless rates and one showed no change.

All four Oklahoma Metropolitan Areas had lower jobless rates during this most recent 12-month period, compared with the same months of 1988-89. Enid had the lowest rate, 4.4 percent, down from 5.4 a year earlier. Other metro area unemployment rates were: Oklahoma City, 4.7 percent, compared with 5.3 percent a year earlier; Lawton, 4.8, compared with 5.7 a year ago; and Tulsa, 5.6, down from 7.1 percent a year earlier.

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ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982-84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE FEBRUARY, 1990 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE MARCH 1989 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	128.7	100.000	0.5	5.2
FOOD & BEVERAGE	131.2	17.716	0.8	6.4
HOUSING	126.8	42.302	0.5	4.4
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	125.4	6.353	4.2	5.1
TRANSPORTATION	116.8	17.212	-0.3	4.4
MEDICAL CARE	158.7	5.968	0.8	8.6
ENTERTAINMENT	130.9	4.373	0.4	5.0
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	155.2	6.076	0.3	7.5

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.8%
*OKLAHOMA	6.2%
**OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	4.7%
**TULSA MSA	5.6%
**LAWTON MSA	4.8%
**ENID MSA	4.4%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	40.6
OKLAHOMA	41.6
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	40.6
TULSA MSA	40.5

* Unemployment rates for Oklahoma and Metropolitan Statistical Areas are computed using a 3-month moving average.

** Metropolitan Areas unemployment Rate Computed on 12-month moving average.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1990p	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.5	451.36	436.89	423.31	41.6	41.1	40.2	10.85	10.63	10.53
Durable Goods	78.7	483.31	467.74	451.07	42.1	41.8	40.6	11.48	11.19	11.11
Stone,Clay & Glass	8.0	512.66	503.41	482.66	42.9	43.1	42.6	11.95	11.68	11.33
Primary Metal Ind.	3.8	513.83	488.43	429.20	46.5	45.1	40.3	11.05	10.83	10.65
Fab.Metal Products	14.4	454.45	431.43	353.46	45.4	43.1	39.1	10.01	10.01	9.04
Fab.Struct.Metals	6.2	424.58	421.04	356.32	42.5	41.4	38.9	9.99	10.17	9.16
Mach.Except Elect.	22.6	463.10	471.75	441.29	42.1	42.5	40.3	11.00	11.10	10.95
Oil Field Machinery	4.7	439.06	452.94	402.53	43.3	41.9	38.3	10.14	10.81	10.51
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	7.8	428.76	420.16	479.94	39.3	39.6	42.1	10.91	10.61	11.40
Transport. Equip.	13.9	630.79	575.76	582.40	39.4	39.9	39.7	16.01	14.43	14.67
Instr./Related Prod.	3.4	451.31	435.36	514.11	42.9	41.8	46.4	10.52	10.42	11.08
Non-Durable Goods	38.8	387.32	373.82	367.46	40.6	39.6	39.3	9.54	9.44	9.35
Food & Kindred Prod	8.1	362.50	347.13	331.47	42.2	40.6	41.8	8.59	8.55	7.93
Apparel & Other Text.	6.5	193.14	179.57	185.01	35.7	34.4	33.7	5.41	5.22	5.49
Paper & Allied Prod.	2.5	415.13	455.13	430.76	43.0	46.3	41.3	9.67	9.83	10.43
Printing & Publish.	5.5	391.72	393.62	391.84	38.9	39.6	39.7	10.07	9.94	9.87
Newspapers & Period.	1.6	337.28	339.71	329.81	34.7	34.7	34.9	9.72	9.79	9.45
Petroleum Refining	2.6	708.22	569.47	619.05	55.2	44.8	44.6	12.83	12.71	13.88
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	17.0	480.78	492.33	501.29	39.8	41.9	40.2	12.08	11.75	12.47
Construction	19.2	438.18	435.11	424.40	40.2	39.7	38.2	10.90	10.96	11.11
Public Utilities	21.7	550.65	545.80	524.91	40.4	40.4	40.1	13.63	13.51	13.09
Wholesale Trade	37.9	390.39	394.02	348.59	38.5	39.6	39.3	10.14	9.95	8.87
*Retail Trade	90.0	193.11	180.00	192.51	31.4	30.1	31.1	6.15	5.98	6.19

*Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	* NUMBER (In Thousands) MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	PERCENT CHANGE FEB 90 MAR 90	ABSOLUTE CHANGE FEB 90 MAR 90	MAR 89 MAR 90
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,165.8	1,156.6	1,151.3	0.8	9.2	14.5
Manufacturing	165.8	164.1	162.0	1.0	1.7	3.8
Durable Goods	105.9	105.2	103.8	0.7	0.7	2.1
Lumber & Wood Prod.	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	9.7	9.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Primary Metal Industries	4.8	4.7	4.8	2.1	0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Prod.	19.5	18.9	17.5	3.2	0.6	2.0
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	8.5	8.0	7.6	6.3	0.5	0.9
Machinery Exc.Electrical	31.2	31.0	31.0	0.6	0.2	0.2
Constr. & Related Mach.	11.5	11.3	11.6	1.8	0.2	-0.1
Oil Field Machinery	7.7	7.6	7.5	1.3	0.1	0.2
Gen.Industrial Mach.	4.0	4.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Elect.& Electronic Equip	10.1	10.3	10.3	-1.9	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation Equip.	17.5	17.5	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	10.1	10.2	10.5	-1.0	-0.1	-0.4
Aircraft & Parts	6.3	6.3	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	5.0	5.1	4.9	-2.0	-0.1	0.1
Non-Durable Goods	59.9	58.9	58.2	1.7	1.0	1.7
Food & Kindred Prod.	14.0	13.7	13.6	2.2	0.3	0.4
Apparel & Textile Prod.	8.5	8.0	8.5	6.3	0.5	0.0
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	11.3	11.2	11.1	0.9	0.1	0.2
Newspapers & Period.	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum Refining	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	12.3	12.3	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.5
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.1	6.1	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Mining	43.4	43.8	42.5	-0.9	-0.4	0.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	41.5	42.0	40.5	-1.2	-0.5	1.0
Construction	35.2	34.7	33.4	1.4	0.5	1.8
HV Const.Contractors	7.8	8.1	7.9	-3.7	-0.3	-0.1
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	65.6	65.7	64.5	-0.2	-0.1	1.1
Transportation	38.2	38.2	37.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Railroad Transportation	2.0	2.1	2.1	-4.8	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	15.3	15.4	15.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.2
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Serv.	27.4	27.5	27.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	277.5	274.6	272.7	1.1	2.9	4.8
Wholesale Trade	61.8	61.9	61.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	215.7	212.7	211.3	1.4	3.0	4.4
Gen.Merchandise Stores	26.7	26.8	27.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Food Stores	38.0	38.2	37.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.3
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	27.0	26.8	25.9	0.7	0.2	1.1
Apparel & Acces.Stores	12.9	12.7	13.1	1.6	0.2	-0.2
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	55.9	55.8	58.6	0.2	0.1	-2.7
Banking	22.9	22.9	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nondepository Credit Institut.	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Insurance Carriers	8.4	8.4	8.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Services	263.4	259.5	255.7	1.5	3.9	7.7
Hotels & Lodging Places	10.5	10.4	11.0	1.0	0.1	-0.5
Personal Services	11.5	11.9	12.0	-3.4	-0.4	-0.5
Motion Pictures	2.6	2.7	2.9	-3.7	-0.1	-0.3
Health Services	84.1	82.7	77.9	1.7	1.4	6.2
Hospitals	31.7	31.6	30.0	0.3	0.1	1.7
Educational Services	16.7	17.0	15.1	-1.8	-0.3	1.6
Government, Total	259.0	258.4	261.9	0.2	0.6	-2.9
Federal Government	49.8	49.9	52.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.2
State and Local Government	209.2	208.5	209.9	0.3	0.7	-0.7
**State Government	77.4	76.8	74.4	0.8	0.6	3.0
Local Government	131.8	131.7	135.5	0.1	0.1	-3.7

p=preliminary r=revised

* Data are revised on a monthly and yearly basis in order that the estimates may reflect the most recent information available. Estimates of all employees by industry are based on a sample of 3800 employers. These estimates may depart from actual monthly levels of employment. This may be caused by: (1) changes in industry, ownership, or area classification, (2) the opening and closing of nonsample establishments, (3) sampling or response errors, and (4) the modification of benchmark source data.

** The state employee full-time equivalency (FTE) count for Mar. 1990 is 63,328. FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173-hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA
12 Month Moving Averages*
APRIL 1989-MARCH 1990

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE APR 89r MAR 90p	MAR 89r FEB 90r	APR 88r MAR 89r
	U. S.	117,093,000	6,697,000	123,790,000	5.4	5.8	5.2
	OKLAHOMA	1,417,800	94,500	1,512,300	6.2	6.2	6.6
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	8,020	500	8,520	5.9	5.9	6.7
2	ALFALFA	2,900	90	2,990	3.0	3.0	3.4
3	ATOKA	7,960	450	8,410	5.4	5.4	6.5
4	BEAVER	2,790	110	2,900	3.8	3.8	4.3
5	BECKHAM	7,560	580	8,140	7.1	7.4	8.4
6	BLAINE	5,580	260	5,840	4.5	4.5	5.1
7	BRYAN	14,260	640	14,900	4.3	4.4	5.7
8	CADDO	10,920	950	11,870	8.0	8.0	9.6
9	CANADIAN	35,225	1,475	36,700	4.0	4.2	5.1
10	CARTER	18,550	1,300	19,850	6.5	6.6	7.4
11	CHEROKEE	15,310	920	16,230	5.7	5.7	8.0
12	CHOCTAW	5,440	550	5,990	9.2	9.4	9.4
13	CIMARRON	1,540	50	1,590	3.1	3.8	4.2
14	CLEVELAND	83,825	3,825	87,650	4.4	4.4	4.8
15	COAL	2,140	300	2,440	12.3	12.3	12.7
16	COMANCHE	46,200	2,325	48,525	4.8	4.8	5.7
17	COTTON	2,940	170	3,110	5.5	4.9	4.4
18	CRAIG	6,190	300	6,490	4.6	4.9	7.0
19	CREEK	24,850	1,800	26,650	6.8	6.9	8.6
20	CUSTER	14,150	670	14,820	4.5	4.5	4.8
21	DELAWARE	10,760	670	11,430	5.9	6.0	7.0
22	DEWEY	2,340	110	2,450	4.5	4.5	4.7
23	ELLIS	2,240	90	2,330	3.9	3.9	4.5
24	GARFIELD	26,500	1,225	27,725	4.4	4.5	5.4
25	GARVIN	10,230	720	10,950	6.6	6.8	7.8
26	GRADY	15,650	1,300	16,950	7.7	8.0	8.7
27	GRANT	2,790	100	2,890	3.5	3.8	3.5
28	GREER	2,550	100	2,650	3.8	3.8	4.8
29	HARMON	1,510	80	1,590	5.0	5.0	7.6
30	HARPER	2,300	70	2,370	3.0	3.0	4.0
31	HASKELL	4,120	530	4,650	11.4	11.6	12.6
32	HUGHES	4,460	600	5,060	11.9	12.3	15.2
33	JACKSON	10,470	610	11,080	5.5	5.5	6.4
34	JEFFERSON	3,500	200	3,700	5.4	5.2	6.2
35	JOHNSTON	3,680	240	3,920	6.1	5.9	5.8
36	KAY	24,450	1,200	25,650	4.7	4.7	5.3
37	KINGFISHER	5,940	250	6,190	4.0	4.0	5.0
38	KIOWA	5,090	230	5,320	4.3	4.3	4.7
39	LATIMER	4,520	400	4,920	8.1	8.4	8.7
40	LEFLORE	22,560	1,680	24,240	6.9	7.0	7.1
41	LINCOLN	12,130	830	12,960	6.4	6.5	8.2
42	LOGAN	13,120	580	13,700	4.2	4.3	5.2
43	LOVE	4,060	190	4,250	4.5	4.5	4.8
44	McCLAIN	10,610	530	11,140	4.8	4.9	5.9
45	McCURTAIN	14,350	1,070	15,420	6.9	7.1	7.7

COUNTIES	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	APR 89p MAR 90p	MAR 89r FEB 90r	APR 88r MAR 89r
46 McINTOSH	6,950	350	7,300	4.8	4.8	5.3
47 MAJOR	3,470	160	3,630	4.4	4.7	6.0
48 MARSHALL	4,500	260	4,760	5.5	5.5	6.4
49 MAYES	14,010	1,140	15,150	7.5	7.6	8.9
50 MURRAY	5,400	500	5,900	8.5	8.5	7.8
51 MUSKOGEE	28,800	2,000	30,800	6.5	6.7	9.0
52 NOBLE	4,760	210	4,970	4.2	4.2	5.1
53 NOWATA	3,640	330	3,970	8.3	8.6	9.3
54 OKFUSKEE	5,320	330	5,650	5.8	5.9	8.0
55 OKLAHOMA	310,925	15,850	326,775	4.9	4.9	5.4
56 OKMULGEE	14,075	1,275	15,350	8.3	8.5	10.3
57 OSAGE	15,625	1,000	16,625	6.0	6.2	7.0
58 OTTAWA	11,225	1,025	12,250	8.4	8.4	9.1
59 PAWNEE	7,640	510	8,150	6.3	6.5	7.8
60 PAYNE	30,875	1,400	32,275	4.3	4.3	4.4
61 PITTSBURG	16,075	1,525	17,600	8.7	9.0	11.1
62 PONTOTOC	15,860	1,100	16,960	6.5	6.6	6.7
63 POTTAWATOMIE	24,975	1,500	26,475	5.7	5.8	6.5
64 PUSHMATAHA	4,560	350	4,910	7.1	7.2	6.8
65 ROGER MILLS	1,650	130	1,780	7.3	6.8	8.0
66 ROGERS	22,820	1,840	24,660	7.5	7.7	9.3
67 SEMINOLE	8,910	950	9,860	9.6	9.8	11.0
68 SEQUOYAH	16,110	1,270	17,380	7.3	7.4	7.0
69 STEPHENS	17,060	1,030	18,090	5.7	5.8	6.9
70 TEXAS	7,580	330	7,910	4.2	4.3	4.9
71 TILLMAN	4,060	280	4,340	6.5	6.7	6.8
72 TULSA	238,975	13,425	252,400	5.3	5.4	6.7
73 WAGONER	19,690	1,160	20,850	5.6	5.6	6.8
74 WASHINGTON	21,570	360	22,430	3.8	4.0	5.1
75 WASHITA	4,880	310	5,190	6.0	6.0	6.7
76 WOODS	5,170	120	5,290	2.3	2.5	3.4
77 WOODWARD	8,780	570	9,350	6.1	6.4	8.0
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	478,700	23,700	502,400	4.7	4.8	5.3
TULSA MSA	322,000	19,200	341,200	5.6	5.8	7.1
SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS						
A -NORTHWEST	32,700	1,500	34,200	4.4	4.4	5.3
B -SOUTHWEST	47,900	2,700	50,600	5.3	5.3	6.1
C -NORTH CENTRAL	76,400	3,500	79,900	4.4	4.4	5.1
D -SOUTH CENTRAL	110,900	6,800	117,700	5.8	5.9	6.7
E -CENTRAL	371,000	18,200	389,200	4.7	4.8	5.3
F -TULSA	279,500	16,200	295,700	5.5	5.6	6.9
G -EAST CENTRAL	94,300	6,100	100,400	6.1	6.2	7.1
H -SOUTHERN	86,600	5,700	92,300	6.2	6.3	6.9
I -NORTHEAST	90,200	6,200	96,400	6.4	6.5	7.8
J -EASTERN	109,000	7,500	116,500	6.4	6.5	8.0
K -SOUTHEAST	71,600	6,100	77,700	7.9	8.0	8.8
L -CLEVELAND	72,100	3,500	75,600	4.6	4.6	5.2

* Data included in this table are estimates developed using methodologies and statistical adjustments prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

p = Preliminary r=revised

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	FEB 90 MAR 90	MAR 89 MAR 90
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	430.4	427.1	420.4	3.3	10.0
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRY	71.7	71.5	70.6	0.0	0.2
MANUFACTURING	48.9	49.1	48.7	-0.2	0.2
DURABLE GOODS	33.1	33.4	33.4	-0.3	-0.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Machinery	14.2	14.2	14.9	0.0	-0.7
Mach. Except Electric	9.5	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.0
Electric & Electronic Equip	4.7	4.7	5.4	0.0	-0.7
Transportation Equipment	9.9	10.0	9.3	-0.1	0.6
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.8	15.7	15.3	0.1	0.5
Food and Kindred Products	4.8	4.7	5.0	0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
MINING	10.8	10.7	11.0	0.1	-0.2
CONSTRUCTION	12.0	11.7	10.9	0.3	1.1
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRY	358.7	355.6	349.8	0.1	0.3
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	20.9	20.6	20.6	0.3	0.3
Transportation	10.9	10.6	10.8	0.3	0.1
Comm. & Public Utilities	10.0	10.0	9.8	0.0	0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	103.3	102.5	102.1	0.8	1.2
Wholesale Trade	21.6	21.5	21.9	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	81.7	81.0	80.2	0.7	1.5
General Merch.Stores	8.7	8.7	9.0	0.0	-0.3
Food Stores	12.6	12.3	11.9	0.2	0.6
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	24.1	24.4	24.5	-0.3	-0.4
Banks,S & L, etc.	9.7	9.7	9.4	0.0	0.3
Insurance Carriers	4.7	4.7	5.0	0.0	-0.3
SERVICES	106.4	105.1	102.1	1.3	4.3
Health Services	29.9	29.8	29.1	0.1	0.8
Hospitals	13.4	13.4	13.1	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	5.5	5.4	5.6	0.1	-0.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	104.0	103.0	100.5	1.0	3.5
Total Federal Government	30.3	30.1	31.2	0.2	-0.9
Total State/Local Gover.	73.7	72.9	69.3	0.8	4.4
Total State Government	35.1	34.7	33.2	0.4	1.9
Total Local Government	38.6	38.2	36.1	0.4	2.5

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OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

(Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

The Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area total employment stood at 478,700 in 00 in March, according to the latest estimate.

The number of unemployed is down to 23,700 and the jobless rate is only 4.7 percent. This is continued improvement from the 4.8 percent of last month and the 5.3 percent posted in March, 1989.

Total wage and salary employment rose 3,300 over the month. This is consistent with the job increase that historically occurs in the February-March estimation period.

Six of the eight major industry classifications showed job gains over the month. Services and government were the big gainers and only manufacturing along with finance-insurance-real estate slipped in March.

Compared to last March, six industries had higher levels of wage and salary employment. The collected 10,000 gain by these 6 industries was more than enough to offset 600 job losses in the other two, thereby producing a 10,000 year to year job gain.

Manufacturing production workers, currently estimated to number 36,200, had weekly paychecks in March that averaged $501.00. This was $28 higher than February and $8.00 above last March. Most of the gain came from higher hourly wage rates.

Both durable and nondurable workers paychecks improved over the month and also on a year to year comparison basis.

OKLAHOMA CITY
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r
ALL MANUFACTURING	501.00	472.80	493.32	40.6	40.9	42.2	12.34	11.56	11.69
Durable Goods	525.44	489.09	524.30	40.7	41.1	42.8	12.91	11.90	12.25
Prim. & Fab. Metals	446.03	465.04	421.52	47.4	48.9	43.1	9.41	9.51	9.78
Machinery	504.40	493.27	552.37	40.0	40.3	43.7	12.61	12.24	12.64
Nondurable Goods	437.94	426.26	410.06	40.4	40.1	40.6	10.84	10.63	10.10
Food & Kindred Prod	382.12	368.05	366.73	41.4	41.4	43.4	9.23	8.89	8.45
Printing & Pub.	393.48	415.04	393.00	36.0	37.8	37.5	10.93	10.98	10.48

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TULSA

NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	FEB 90p MAR 90p	MAR 89r MAR 90p
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	311.0	309.1	300.7	1.9	10.3
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	77.0	76.3	74.7	0.7	2.3
MANUFACTURING	53.7	53.2	52.5	0.5	1.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	40.8	40.2	0.5	1.1
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.9	14.7	13.8	0.2	1.1
Primary Metal Industries	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.4	12.2	11.5	0.2	0.9
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	6.2	6.0	5.5	0.2	0.7
Machinery	12.9	12.7	12.9	0.2	0.0
Mach.Except Electric	10.8	10.6	10.5	0.2	0.3
Const.& Related Machinery	4.0	3.9	4.0	0.1	0.0
Electric & Electronic Equip.	2.1	2.1	2.4	0.0	-0.3
Transportation Equipment	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	12.4	12.4	12.3	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-0.1
MINING	12.3	12.2	12.2	0.1	0.1
CONSTRUCTION	11.0	10.9	10.0	0.1	1.0
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	234.0	232.8	226.0	1.2	8.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	24.5	24.3	23.7	0.2	0.8
Transportation	17.0	16.9	16.2	0.1	0.8
Comm.& Public Utilities	7.5	7.4	7.5	0.1	0.0
TRADE	73.4	73.4	71.4	0.0	2.0
Wholesale Trade	20.1	20.0	19.5	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	53.3	53.4	51.9	-0.1	1.4
Gen. Merchandise Stores	7.1	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.0
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.5	17.4	16.5	0.1	1.0
Banks, S&L, Etc.	7.2	7.1	7.4	0.1	-0.2
SERVICES	81.7	80.9	77.1	0.8	4.6
Health Services	24.7	24.3	23.0	0.4	1.7
Hospitals	12.6	12.6	12.0	0.0	0.6
Educational Services	6.2	6.3	6.3	-0.1	-0.1
GOVERNMENT	36.9	36.8	37.3	0.1	-0.4
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	-0.1
State	6.2	6.2	5.9	0.0	0.3
Local	25.9	25.8	26.5	0.1	-0.6

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

The unemployment rate in the five-county Tulsa MSA dropped to 5.6 percent in March, 1990. This compared with 5.8 percent the previous month and 7.1 percent a year earlier. Total employment for March was 322,000 and unemployment was estimated at 19,200.

Total non-farm wage and salary employment was 311,000 for March in the Tulsa MSA, the highest lever in over seven years. This represented a gain of 1,900 jobs since February and 10,300 more than were employed in March, 1989. The goods producing industries of manufacturing, construction, and mining combined for a gain of 700 jobs for the month and 2,300 over the year. The services producing industries accounted for 1,200 new jobs for the month and 8,000 over the year. The services industry had the largest growth with an 800 monthly gain and a 4,600 jobs expansion over the year.

The 35,700 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA earned an average of $461.70 weekly during March, 1990, little changed from the February estimate. The average weekly earnings were up over $31.00 from that in March, 1989. The average work week expanded..4 hours over the year, but the primary cause for higher earnings was a six percent rise in hourly pay. Average earnings did not change appreciably from month to month for either durable goods or non-durable goods workers. The year-to-year comparison indicated durable goods workers had both an expanded work-week and an increase of 79 cents in hourly pay. The growth in employment plus higher weekly hours and hourly earnings for primary and fabricated metal workers played a significant role in increased average weekly earnings for the durable goods workers over the year.

TULSA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r
ALL MANUFACTURING	461.70	459.91	430.27	40.5	40.7	40.1	11.40	11.30	10.73
Durable goods	481.03	480.87	441.10	40.8	41.1	40.1	11.79	11.70	11.00
Prim & Fab. Metals	530.36	484.77	385.70	45.8	42.9	40.6	11.58	11.30	9.50
Machinery	350.11	409.73	408.83	33.6	38.4	40.2	10.42	10.67	10.17
Non-Durable Goods	374.92	367.70	377.60	39.3	39.2	40.0	9.54	9.38	9.44
Printing & Pub	435.11	411.44	473.76	39.7	39.6	42.0	10.96	10.39	11.28

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

Employment in the Enid MSA totaled 26,500 for the 12-month period ending in March, 1990. The unemployment rate for this period was 4.4 percent, down .1 percent from that for the period ending in February, 1990. Over the year employment increased by 350 while the unemployment level did not change. A one-percent drop from last years 5.4 percent unemployment rate resulted.

Total wage and salary employment totaled 21,600 in March, 1990, an increase of 200 from the February figure and 300 more than the previous year. All of the month-to-month gain occurred in the services producing industries. Growth of 100 jobs each occurred in state government and the services industry sectors. The services production industries also gained 400 jobs over the year. Services, government, and retail trade accounted for 200 new jobs each, while wholesale trade and the finance-insurance-real estate industries both had a decline of 100 employees. Non-durable goods manufacturing employment also showed a drop of 100 as the remaining sectors in the goods producing industries showed no change.

ENID

NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	FEB 90r MAR 90p	MAR 89r MAR 90p
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.6	21.4	21.3	0.2	0.3
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.0	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
DURABLE GOODS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUST.	18.6	18.4	18.2	0.2	0.4
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
TRADE	6.2	6.2	6.1	0.0	0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
SERVICES	5.4	5.3	5.2	0.1	0.2
GOVERNMENT	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.2
Local	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

The total labor force in Lawton in March stood at 48,525. Of this total, 46,200 were actively employed.

The 2,325 unemployed comprised 4.8 percent of the labor force, the same percentage as February, but well below the 5.7 percent of last March.

Wage and salary jobs jumped 400 in the February-March estimation period. Gains were noted in service, government, construction, and trade.

The 1,000 job growth over the year was led by a 600 increase in government and a 400 rise in trade employment.

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	MAR 1990p	FEB 1990r	MAR 1989r	FEB 90 MAR 90	MAR 89 MAR 90
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	34.9	34.5	33.9	0.4	1.0
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRY	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
DURABLE GOODS	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
MINING	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.1	-0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRY	30.4	30.0	29.4	0.1	0.3
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2
TRADE	8.6	8.5	8.2	0.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	7.5	7.4	7.2	0.1	0.3
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1
SERVICES	6.2	6.0	6.1	0.2	0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	11.6	0.1	0.6
Federal	5.6	5.6	5.2	0.0	0.4
State	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Local	5.4	5.3	5.1	0.1	0.3

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